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Letter to Sophia Chase

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Gambier 16 Oct 1827

My dear Wife:

I can't sleep, ~~you know~~
 in the latter part of the night by reason of my great anxieties: and they are not diminished, I'll assure you since I left you in a sick bed yesterday morning. The horse which I rode on besetled me with mud more than usual, so that I was wet the whole day. I arrived at Mount Carmar, the sun one hour high and after getting my mail from the P. Office and borrowing a horse from Mr. Banning I ~~set~~ my face towards Gambier.

The setting sun ^{gilding} ~~glowed~~ the variegated woods with regular brilliancy as I rode to the East and ~~that~~ its reflected rays from the beautiful landscape fulfilled my eyes where I turned my sight. The road was dry, hard, and good: not like the mud of Worthington, so that mounted on a sturdy horse and pacing gently along I had full time for reflection. How constantly was my mind then turned on you (dear dear Sophia.) I had left you sick - very sick and was going from you. Dear sister Fanny also sick and little Milan

am quite indisposed. Was this my defer-
ence of you from your own inclination?

No - Nothing but the great duty of over-
seeing that God hath so miraculously put
into my hands, to do could have persuaded
me to do this. Even as it is I feel a pang
which I can't describe to you. (Dear ^{my} Dear Wife)
my eyes fill with tears when I think how I
left you in sickness. But God's will be
done! - My exile here is the result of
this submission.

On my arrival at G. I found
the family all well. Dudley had done
as I told him, - copied one chapter in the
bible every day. Mrs Douglass never looked
better. Would that you could this past
summer have enjoyed this most healthy
air!!

The Mail mentioned that I brought
(in my pocket by the politeness of

The Mr Vernon P. M. consisted of one letter
from Mr Moore 1. from my son
Geo. one from Mr Clay and one from
Mr. K. including Fanny's letter (which I sent to
Mr W. Shannon.)

Mr Moore says Mr Reed is doing right &
[Rev Amos B. Williams, rector at Zanesville]
that Mr B. begins to flag in the people's
estimations. Mr M. has published his Corn
-ner stone sermon. I am heartily glad if it will
take some thirty 12 1/2 cents each.
Let Mr Shannon & Mr Wing review it
in the Standard Paper. The public expects to
times as much as we worth folks
say about our College. There is literally a
hunger & thirst which we are too lazy
or stupid to gratify.

My son George has another daughter. From
the tenor of his letter I should suppose him
greatly reformed and doing pretty well.
And now dear Wife having many more
letters to write before day for I have risen as
usual just after midnight to write & pray
for you I must bid you adieu!
Your most loving husband P. Chase

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Mr J. M. Chase